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REMARKS

The application has been amended to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-6 have been cancelled.

The remaining claims have been amended as kindly suggested by the Examiner in order to place the case in condition for allowance.

The pending appeal is being withdrawn by a separate paper being filed on this even date.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's kind attention and cooperation in this application.

Based on the above, applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

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